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Historic Redwood Strike is Ended

After being on strike two years and three months to secure union shop agreements for their union, during which time union pickets were maintained before the struck lumber operations, which have been conducted with strikebreakers who had been imported from all parts of the United States, the historic redwood strike was called off Sunday, April 11th. Simultaneously all strike assessments were discontinued as of March 31.

This action by the Redwood District Council was brought about by a favorable vote by members at the struck plants on a proposal to remove all pickets, call the strike off and institute instead an intensive organizational campaign. The votes of the local unions involved were brought to a special meeting of the Redwood District Council held April 11 in the K.P. Hall at Garberville in Humboldt County, at 1 o'clock in the afternoon.

STRIKE NOT LOST

That those who engaged in this historic struggle do not consider that the strike was a failure is made clear by a statement in the Redwood Empire Labor Journal in a summary of what has been achieved during this memorable walkout in which the chief bone of contention was the union shop, which the lumber operators doggedly refused and still refuse to concede. Says the Redwood Empire Labor Journal:

"Was the Redwood Strike lost? The answer to this question is a definite 'NO.' It is true we did not attain our objective of the protection of the UNION SHOP in nine operations, but in a long battle, such as this, neither side obtains a complete victory. Outside of the UNION SHOP, the Lumber and Sawmill Workers gained nearly all their objectives. Let's review them.

"1. Raised the wage level from 82½ cents to \$1.35 and \$1.40 per hour for all redwood lumber workers. (Even struck operations have been forced to pay \$1.30.)

"2. Lumber and Sawmill Workers of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners enjoys the largest membership in its history.

"3. When the strike was called January 14, 1946, we had SIX UNION SHOP operations. Now we can boast of over 100.

"4. Through the 'AFL-S' label, we have made the construction industry conscious of the difference between a product made under union conditions and one under non-union conditions.

"5. Obtained two weeks vacation with pay for all people working in the lumbering industry.

"6. Better Safety Committees.

"7. Guaranteed rate for fallers and buckers."

WIN UNION-SHOP VOTE
One of the large operators, the Hammond Lumber Company, withdrew from the fight a year ago and has been operating as a union plant under agreement with the loggers' union. An NLRB election has just been held by the employees of the Hammond Company with the result that the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the union shop.

A long and interesting history of union developments in the redwood belt of California is little known to the present generation. During the time the Knights of Labor swept over most of this country from 1870 to 1880, the woodmen and sawmill workers of Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties took a very active part in organizing local units of the Knights of Labor.

Right after the turn of the century, in 1903 and 1904, lumber workers of the redwood belt began to look to the American Labor Union and later a few of them went into the Industrial Workers of the World, when it was formed in 1904. But in Humboldt County the woodmen and sawmill workers organized under the American Federation of Labor, first as federal unions, and later united into one international union bearing the name International Brotherhood of Woodmen and Sawmill Workers, which started a cooperative union labor hospital which opened for business in Eureka April 1, 1906, and this institution under the name General Hospital is still operating successfully under the original plan of management by unions. In 1907 a disastrous strike reduced a membership of 7,000 to a mere skeleton that joined with other A.F. of L. unions to preserve their hospital. Efforts to reorganize the lumber workers made little headway in the redwoods of northern California until the first world war came along and toward the end of that war, and after it was over, considerable organization headway was made.

FIGHT TO KEEP HOSPITAL

In the meantime the woodmen and sawmill workers had joined with the International Shingleweavers' Union under the A.F. of L. and much effort was put forth to organize these workers. During most of this period those who worked in the lumber industry were up against extensive blacklists of former union men, yellow dog contracts, and compulsory hospital service contracts, which excluded the union labor hospital as part of a plan to wreck that institution; but the hospital of the unions continued to live and is still very much alive.

In more recent times the lumber workers have abandoned their former plan of organizing as a separate international union and are now chartered in the redwood belt as locals of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America. This has brought them closer to the building trades than ever before although nearly 50 years ago the building trades of San Francisco took up the fight of the striking lumber workers of Fort Bragg, employed by the Union Lumber Company. A \$100,000 lawsuit against the building trades grew out of that fight, while the union of loggers and sawmill workers at Fort Bragg was entirely disrupted and for the time being passed out of existence.

Now the redwood lumber workers are organizing more effectively than ever before, under the jurisdiction of the Carpenters. They have won the union shop in the plant of the Hammond Lumber Company and in many smaller mills that have opened during recent years, and enjoy better wages and more wholesome working conditions than ever before.

We want to congratulate the lumber workers on the headway they have made during recent years in the northern California redwood belt.

Failure to Sign Writ Bars Vote

Washington.—A plan of an official of a union which has not complied with the non-Communist affidavit provisions of the Taft-Hartley law to run as an individual in a collective bargaining agent poll was squashed by the NLRB recently. Josephine Froehlich, a paid representative of the non-complying Food, Tobacco and Agricultural Workers-CIO, sought to have her own name placed on the NLRB ballot being run at the request of Local 857, International Brotherhood of Teamsters-AFL, at the Campbell Soup Company plant in Sacramento. NLRB rules that such action was illegal, and the IBT only will be on the bargaining representative ballot.

Chile Prepares Ban On Communist Vote

Santiago, Chile.—The Chilean government, which has been engaged in an all-out drive to bring the labor movement under its control and smash all progressive opposition, is now seeking ways to deprive all real or alleged Communists of the right to vote in elections.

A memorandum on how such action can be taken "legally" has been prepared by the Electoral Registration Board on the request of Pres. Gonzales Videla.

"I Do"—and "I'm Registered To Vote, Judge"

Following the customary good wishes for happiness, Judge Harry J. Neubarth and other San Francisco municipal judges will say: "And you, young lady, now that you have changed your name, don't forget to re-register if you wish to vote in the June 1st primary." The judges will also point out to the bridegroom that if he, as a result of his marriage, is moving, he too must re-register.

"Speaking for all of the municipal judges," Judge Neubarth said, "we are only too happy to cooperate with the Joint Citizens Committee for Registration in this important matter."

HOTEL HOME



The Whalen family, Mike, Lilian and four youngsters, had no place to live and no money to look for one so they went to sleep in New York's Pennsylvania railroad station. Here they are crowded into a temporary hotel room shelter while city welfare authorities look for an apartment. Jobless since last October, Mike Whalen looks worried with good reason.

Painters Busy In Salinas Area

Work for union painters of Salinas Local 1104 continues good with new projects in the office and current jobs on a sufficient scale to keep all members busy, reports Business Representative Carl Lara.

Plans of the Rodeo Association to paint the grandstand's interior and seats prior to the show, this year starting June 17, have been announced. The job will be by private contract and will provide added work for union painters, Lara said.

Hewitt Painting Co. of Los Angeles is starting the painting of the new Sears Store in Salinas. Lara attended the state conference of painters meeting in Santa Barbara this month and will give a complete report on the conference at the union's regular meeting of April 27, he said.

Plumbers Busy With Sprinklers

Plumbers of Salinas Local 503 are being used by Bernard Engineering Co. of San Francisco in the installation of a new sprinkler system at the West Coast Box Co. plant in the Industrial Acres tract at Salinas. J. B. McGinley, business agent for the union reports.

Most plumbers are busy and the work picture is unusually good, McGinley added.

New Beverage Driver Pact Set

A new wage agreement for the beverage industry in the Salinas area was negotiated and signed last week, covering drivers for 16 beverage companies, according to officials of Teamsters Union 890.

Wage scale of \$65.00 per week was created, with an hourly pay of \$1.65, a 40-hour work week and paid vacations, it was reported.

SOME SQUID PACKED HERE

One plant on Monterey's famed Cannery Row packed squid last week as the lack of fish continued acute, union officials said. Central Packing Co. got the squid brought in during the week. One or two other plants received some anchovies, it was reported.

PORTLAND LINOLEUM LAYERS WIN INCREASE

Portland, Ore.—The Linoleum Layers Union has concluded an agreement with the employers' association here which calls for a wage increase of 20 cents an hour, bringing the wage scale for journeymen up to \$1.95 an hour.

The agreement is for a two-year period and includes the escalator provision used in the Seattle building trades agreement, which provides for a review of living costs at six-month intervals and if the costs have changed by as much as five points, the wage scale is adjusted accordingly.

Let's make it our business to drive carefully at all times and thus save American lives.

PAY TAX REFUNDS DUE NOW

Any California worker, from whom the one per cent deduction has been made from his earnings during the year 1947, may be entitled to a refund of part of the tax. If more than \$30 was deducted from the wages of a worker who was in the employ of two or more employers, the worker is eligible to claim a refund from the California Department of Employment.

CLAIM RULES

Any worker who is employed under two voluntary disability plans simultaneously may not claim a refund for the amount in excess of \$30.

If a worker was covered during the year 1947 by various employers who were under either State Disability Insurance plan or voluntary disability insurance plan, he may claim the refund.

NAME EMPLOYER

To claim a refund it is necessary to obtain the claim form and accompanying address card from the nearest office of the California Department of Employment.

The claim requires the names of every employer from whom a worker receives wages during 1947, together with the amount of earnings with each employer. If the tax deducted for unemployment insurance was in excess of \$30, a claim may be made for the excess.

SALINAS UNION MAN FILES FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Bro. Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters and Warehousemen's Local 890, has filed his candidacy as a Union High School Trustee in Salinas, it was announced last week.

His action was greeted by union members throughout the area as a most commendable move because of the importance of having union members and union-minded individuals in positions of leadership in the community.

The district election will be held on May 21.

All union members and their friends are urged to vote for Bro. Harris.

SECURITY RECORDS ARE CONFIDENTIAL

Like the daisies, the Social Security Administration won't tell. This federal agency keeps its mouth shut, and some of the 88,000,000 Americans who hold social security cards would be mighty unhappy if it didn't.

Concentrated in the Accounting Operations Division of its Bureau of Old-Age and Survivors Insurance in the Candler Building in Baltimore are more personal facts and figures about more Americans than in any other place in the country.

Just how old is your mother-in-law? The Social Security Administration might know, but it won't tell. How much did your ex-wife earn last year? The record is there, but only she can get that information . . . and she already knows.

When the Social Security Administration asks for and gets from a worker the information necessary to set up and identify his account, it pledges to regard such information as confidential and to withhold it from all but authorized persons.

Culinary Officials To Meet in Salinas

Secretaries of Culinary and Bantender unions in Santa Cruz County, Monterey and Salinas are scheduled to meet at Salinas on Wednesday of this week, it is reported. Mutual problems facing the unions and discussion of coming contract negotiations are scheduled for consideration.

Guests at the meeting were to include J. H. Morgan, state vice-president of the craft, and C. T. McDonough, international official, it was announced.

There are many treatments for the common cold but the c.c. goes on just the same.

AFL Political Activity Starts

Signs Television Pact



Musical shows can now be broadcast simultaneously by radio and television stations as a result of an agreement by President James C. Petrillo of the American Federation of Musicians (AFL) and the four national networks. Under the pact, which continues present wage scales for three years, the union gave up a demand that broadcasters hire additional musicians for television shows.

Members Now Go Thru Union For Unempl. Ins.

Along with many other AFL unions in California, Teamsters' Local 890 has instituted the new procedure, made possible by the State Federation of Labor, whereby members check with the union dispatcher once each week to verify their claims for unemployment insurance benefits.

The new procedure saves much time and effort in the red tape of getting unemployment insurance and gives union members more complete assurance of establishing their claims with the state department.

The system went into effect on April 12. The "Blue Card" issued by the Department of Employment, form DE 2862 (2-48), entitled "Union Membership Identification Card," carries spaces for the days on which members report to their unions for work and days on which they were dispatched to jobs, if any.

The following instructions are noted on the card: "To keep your application for employment active, and to comply with laws governing unemployment insurance, report as directed. Report immediately to your union when you become unemployed. Bring this card with you every time you call at the employment office, in order to verify your reporting to your union for employment, with the regular card issued by the California Employment Service."

"Notify your union office, and the employment office promptly of any change in your address or telephone. Report to union hiring hall when you are unemployed. Be certain proper union official dates and signs this identification card. Return this card to your union headquarters when you are dispatched to work. Pick up this card if you again become unemployed. Do not lose, destroy, or mutilate this card. This card does not replace the identification card issued by the California State Employment Service."

Whiskey—Old Forester, Old Granddaddy, Old Taylor, J. T. S. Brown, Old Overholt Rye, James E. Pepper, Kentucky, Hiram Walker De Luxe, J. T. S. Brown 86, Walker Imperial, Hill & Hill, Bond and Lillard, King Black Label, Fleischmann Preferred, P. M. De Luxe, Mt. Vernon, Calvert Reserve, Calvert Special, Lord Calvert, Three Feathers, Green River, John Jameson, Catto, Black and White, Old Smuggler, Canadian Club.

Brandy—Christian Bros., Lejon, Poret, Ravet, Cusenier, Speas, Hartley, Heldeck, Merito, Metaxas, DeKuyper, Fruit, Hiram Walker, DeKuyper, Cusenier, Southern comfort, (cocktails)—Hiram Walker, (gin)—Hiram Walker, Gilbey, Fleischmann, Gordons, Calvert.

Rum—Merito, Maraca, Red Heart, Myers, Bacardi, Ricardo.

Champagne—Heidsieck, Lanson, Mumm, Renault, Roma, St. Remy, Almaden, Gold Seal.

Sparkling Burgundy—Almaden, Roma, G & D Vermouth.

Wine—Italian Swiss Colony, Roma, Chateau Lejon, Christian Bros., Dubonnet, Hartley, Honeywood, Merito, Martini Rossi Chianti.

Miscellaneous—White Rock Water, Bitters, Cherries, Grenadine, Olives, Jose-Cuervo Tequila, Herbsaint, Cherry Herring, Amer Segalas, Lemon Bar Mix.

SILK RESIGNS IBEW POSITION

Ed Silk, financial secretary of Salinas Electricians Union 243 for many years, resigned the post at the union's last meeting.

Carl Lara, new business representative for the group, was appointed as financial secretary also and announced that he will accept dues for electricians at his offices in the Salinas Labor Temple.

WORK GOOD AGAIN FOR LABORERS

Nearly all members of Laborers Union 272 of Salinas are employed at present as the dry weather has caused a new spurt in construction work and additional jobs, according to Business Agent J. B. McGinley of the union.

Some members of the union are working at present in the lettuce industry or in box making plants, McGinley added.

New jobs which are calling laborers include:

Start of the Grayson store by the Stolte Company, contractors, the job located in the South Main Street business area.

Start of the Verne Huck projects, including the contractor's own new warehouse in Industrial Acres and the King City fair grounds job.

Erection of a new supply house and office for Contractor F. V. Hampshire, who is moving headquarters from Hebborn Road to the Industrial Acres tract.

Start of the terrazo floor construction job at the Sears store with a Los Angeles contracting firm in charge.

Start of a new sewer job in King City by the Valley Trenching Co. of Fresno.

New activity on the sidewalks, curbs and gutters job in the new Soledad housing project site, a job including some eight blocks and with Granite Construction Co. as contractor.

Monterey Liquor Co. Products Are On "No-Buy" List

Continuing under the dispute and strike action now taking place against Monterey Liquor Co., 322 Monterey st., Salinas, Teamsters 890 and the Central Labor Council this week issued a full list of the products handled by this firm, for the attention of stores and bars and their patrons.

The firm is on labor's official "we do not patronize" list, and following are the products handled by it:

Whiskey—Old Forester, Old Granddaddy, Old Taylor, J. T. S. Brown, Old Overholt Rye, James E. Pepper, Kentucky, Hiram Walker De Luxe, J. T. S. Brown 86, Walker Imperial, Hill & Hill, Bond and Lillard, King Black Label, Fleischmann Preferred, P. M. De Luxe, Mt. Vernon, Calvert Reserve, Calvert Special, Lord Calvert, Three Feathers, Green River, John Jameson, Catto, Black and White, Old Smuggler, Canadian Club.

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ELECTRICAL JOBS READY

Members of Electrical Workers Union 243 of Salinas are kept busy with the steady work now under way and in prospect, Union Business Representative Carl Lara reports.

Jarvis Electric Co. of San Leandro is starting work on the new drive-in theatre on Sanborn Road, near Garner street.

Enterprise Electric Co. of Hollister is doing the work at the Sears, Woolworth and other stores in the South Main street development.

It is always interesting to see a partisan trying to pin a legislator to the mat.

ACE IN AFL



World War II flying ace Gregory (Pappy) Boyington is now an AFL member. Co-manager of a department store under contract with Local 770, Retail Clerks Int. Assn. (AFL), Boyington insisted on joining the union although his job was outside the scope of the contract.

INSULATING FIRM WILL SIGN UNION

Highlight of a lengthy and important meeting of the AFL Co-ordinating Committee at Salinas, which represents building trades unions in the area, last week was the report of H. L. Priddy, insulating business man in Salinas, that he will sign a union agreement upon demand, union officials report.

Priddy operates a weatherstripping and insulation installation business and reportedly has failed to unionize because of lack of information as to which union should claim his men.

The co-ordinators agreed to contact Ed Dwyer, representative of the insulators union in San Francisco, for assistance in this problem.

Other business by the co-ordinating committee was reported as including:

Failure to settle a dispute with a former union carpenter, Charles Sartwell, who is operating as a building contractor on a non-union basis. Sartwell reportedly is violating agreements in regard to hours and other provisions. The Monterey building trades crafts will be asked to stop supplying union men to Sartwell's projects in that area, it was said.

Report that Paul Parker, 329 California St., is starting a duplex dwelling using non-union men.

Report that Monterey unions are being asked for assistance in halting union work on non-union jobs by Lunt Bros. contractors, on the Salinas unions' "We Don't Patronize" list.

Report that A. Himmah, operator of the Premier Produce Co., is building a home with non-union workers but that union plumbers have halted the job until he signs a building trades agreement.

Report that T. Clay, operator of a mill and shop in Tustin Canyon, is building semi-pre-fabricated buildings with non-union crews.

Assistant B. A. For Local 483

Mary Alma Ballinger, member of the culinary workers and bartenders union for 15 years, was engaged last week as assistant business representative for Culinary-Bartenders 483, it was announced.

She had been an organizer and business agent for Local 754 at San Pedro at one time and helped in the organizing campaign at Catalina Island more recently.

For details of the new assistant business representative's position and for a report on the union's benefit party and dance on April 5, read the column: "Local 483 Reports," which appears on another page of the Labor News.

Joint Executive Body Names Vice President

Election of Tina Moore, of Culinary Alliance 467, as vice president of last week's meeting of the Local Joint Executive Boards of Local 467 and Bartenders 545.

Officers of the body now include Cecil Hauntz, of Local 467, as president; Miss Moore, vice president, and A. J. Clark, secretary.

EMLAY, RICE ENDORSED BY UNIONS HERE

Monterey County's political activity by and in behalf of AFL unions was officially started last Wednesday night at a big meeting of union officials at Hotel San Carlos in Monterey, at which time the United AFL Political and Educational Committee of Monterey County began official action as political arm for all AFL unions and councils in the county.

First actions by the new political group were election of officers and endorsement of two political candidates, George Rice, secretary of Monterey Culinary-Bartenders 483, for state assemblyman, and Fred Emlay, of Salinas, for state senator.

Peter A. Andrade, secretary of Teamsters 890, was elected president.

AL HARRIS RUNS FOR SCHOOL POST

Albert A. Harris, president of Teamsters Union 890 of Monterey County, has filed his candidacy for election to the Salinas Union High School Board of Trustees. Harris has been active in labor circles for several years in Salinas, has two grown sons, and is active in the Salinas Moose lodge. The school election will be held May 21.

dent of the committee; Carl Lara, of Painters 1104 of Salinas, vice-president; Una Mae Amburgey, of Salinas Retail Clerks 839, treasurer, and Margaret Moreau, of Monterey Teachers 457, secretary.

In announcing the endorsement of Rice, against Assemblyman James Silliman, and of Emlay, against Senator Fred Weybret, it was stressed that the poor voting records of the two public officials in the State Legislature made it imperative that the AFL seek changes in these posts.

A meeting of the committee was called for Salinas on Wednesday of this week, at which time congressional candidates of the district were to be asked to speak briefly and answer questions from the floor.

The political group, Andrade said, was formed to keep members of all AFL unions informed in regards political candidates and measures and to educate them as to the position of the American Federation of Labor in the county.

POT LUCK FEED SET FOR CARPS.

A "pot luck" dinner will be sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary 373 of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 at the union's hall at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday of this week Mrs. Martha Hurd, publicity chairman, reports. All carpenters and their wives and families are urged to attend.

Persons attending the affair are urged to bring their hot or cold dishes and silverware, it was announced. Card games will follow the dinner.

Mrs. Ray Luna is chairman of arrangements for the party which marks the highlight in a program which is designed to re-emphasize the auxiliary work.

The auxiliary is now sponsoring Girl Scout Troop No. 5, which serves the Fremont and Air Base schools, meeting Thursday afternoon at Fremont. Mrs. Hurd is troop leader and Mrs. Edgenia Hoffer is assistant.

Among other programs of the auxiliary is the collection of toys and "snacks" to be sent to the children's ward at the county hospital, Mrs. Hurd reports.

The auxiliary is open to wives of all union carpenters. Business meetings are the first Wednesday of each month, social gatherings on the third Wednesday.

Salinas Culinary Contract Body Set

Members of a contract committee to begin negotiations for a new wage and working agreement for Culinary Alliance 467 of Salinas were selected at the union's regular meeting last week. Secretary Bertha A. Boles reported.

Six new members were accepted at the meeting which included a general discussion of the coming contract talks and other business matters.

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BLS CHIEF WEIGHS THE MONTHS AHEAD

Chicago, Ill.—During the coming months both prices and jobs are likely to be affected by numerous factors — psychological, political, and international, as well as the purely economic, Herman B. Byer, Associate Chief of the Employment and Occupational Outlook Branch, Bureau of Labor Statistics, said before the National Economic Conference, American Legion.

He added that it would be very easy for the fates to conspire up a combination of forces which can play havoc with our prosperity. But a comparison of conditions today with those which existed after the first World War is generally reassuring.

Among the factors tending to minimize difficulties today, Byer listed the social security system, the G. I. Bill of Rights and stock and commodity exchange controls. He pointed out that as important as any is the fact that today all of us—business men, workingmen, and consumers—have ready access to a vast fund of basic economic data. He said that back in 1920, much of this information, if available at all, was so late and so piecemeal as to be almost useless.

Byer emphasized that looking even further ahead, it is clear that in another few years, barring wars or other catastrophes, completely different considerations will affect the economic picture. He continued that in the first place, the labor force will no doubt continue to grow; in the second place, productivity is bound to increase over the years.

Unions Overlook Tax Exemptions

A number of labor organizations have apparently overlooked an exemption to which they are entitled under the California Unemployment Insurance Act, it was announced by T. H. Mugford, chief of the Division of Accounts and Tax Collections of the Department of Employment.

Service performed in any calendar quarter in the employ of any organization exempt from federal income tax, if the remuneration for such services does not exceed \$45, is exempt from the tax under Section 7(k)(3)(i) of the act.

Section 101 of the Federal Income Revenue Code exempts certain non-profit organizations from federal income tax. Among these are labor organizations. Accordingly, if a labor organization has been found to be exempt from federal income tax by federal authorities, it is exempt from both the employer and employee contributions under the California Unemployment Insurance Act with respect to any salary, wage, or fee which does not exceed \$45 per calendar quarter paid to any officer or employee of the organization.

Labor organizations which have a letter of exemption from Federal Bureau of Internal Revenue or which have filed required reports with the bureau and where the bureau has raised no question as to their exemption under Section 101 should not include in their reports to the Department of Employment the payments to their officers and employees which do not exceed \$45 during a calendar quarter. They can thereby be saved the inconvenience of reporting and paying these small contributions.

Gas Distribution Up 1,739,752 Gallons

Sacramento.—Gasoline distributions in January, amounting to 234,271,003 gallons, increased 1,739,752 gallons over the corresponding period of 1947, according to James H. Quinn, Second District Member, State Board of Equalization.

Motor vehicle fuel tax assessments on these distributions were \$3,566,258 above the assessments for January, 1947.

Quinn explained that while gallonage increased only ¾ of one per cent, assessments increased 51.12 per cent because of the increase in the rate of tax which became effective July 1, 1947.

Net revenues to the State from the tax on these distributions of gasoline, after refunds for non-highway use, amounted to \$9,028,076. This is the smallest total for any month since the rate of the tax was raised from 3 to 4 ¼ cents.

Support of Policy Demanded by CIO

Washington.—State and city industrial union councils were reminded recently by John Brophy, CIO councils director, that they have an obligation to take a forthright stand in support of the Marshall Plan and of CIO-PAC electoral policy.

Brophy wrote, "Our councils should understand clearly that as subordinate agencies of the CIO they are bound organizationally and as a matter of sound union principle to follow national CIO policies." Support of Henry Wallace's third party was pointedly forbidden.

LOCAL 483 REPORTS



HOTEL AND RESTAURANT
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ALLIANCE 483
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

The dance and party held for the benefit of the Welfare Fund on Monday, April 5, was indeed a most successful affair. Under the general supervision of President Harvey Rose, the committee really got to work and did a wonderful job. Roy Brewer and Tom Nowell, in charge of the bar, worked their heads off, as did a great many volunteer bartenders who worked varying lengths of time during the evening.

The entertainment committee headed by Gene King and Helen Peak provided the party with a great variety of musical entertainment. The entire local is extremely grateful to Musicians Union No. 616 for their wonderful spirit of cooperation. Dorothy Leitz, Alma Brewer, Lucille Hallford, Penny Caldwell, Marva Clifford and several other girls did a fine job keeping the party guests well supplied with food and beverages.

The executive board of the American Legion Post No. 41 also received a vote of thanks for their cooperation in making available the use of the Legion Hall and all of its facilities.

Naturally, when a party is over the debts must be cleared up. Thanks are due to Brothers Brewer, Nowell, Lambert and Rice for their hard work on Tuesday in the janitorial department.

The biggest vote of thanks is certainly due our hard working conscientious president, Harvey Rose. In addition to his many days of hard work on behalf of the party, Brother Harvey also voluntarily contributed the silver cocktail shaker set. Sister Dorothy Curry received a radio and Sister Alma Brewer, the cocktail set.

Our welfare fund has been enriched by almost \$1,000 as a result of this benefit party. It is indeed a wonderful, cheering reminder to all of your officers to know that the entire membership will back up and support this worthy project. Thanks, boys and girls, to each and every one of you for your loyalty and support.

This week the executive board approved the hiring of Mary Alma Ballinger as the assistant business agent for a trial period of 90 days. Mary has been a member of our international union for nearly 15 years. She has previously worked as an organizer and business agent for Local 754, San Pedro, California, and also was instrumental in the organization of Catalina Island some years ago. She has all of the qualities required of a hard working, tactful business agent. Give her your support and cooperation and watch our local grow and prosper.

The new by-laws which were recently printed by the Herald Printers are now available for distribution to the membership. You will note on the back cover that the meeting dates are now scheduled for the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 p. m., and the third Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. This change of meeting date will take effect on Wednesday, June 2. Do not forget the May meetings will both be held on Monday, May 3 and Monday, May 17 at 2:30 p. m. If you have not received a copy of the new by-laws be sure to get one from the office or from your business agent.

The officers of the local have instructed secretary and bus. agt. to collect all past due assessments and monthly dues at the earliest possible date. Your secretary and business agent will be in the field actively as collectors until this mission has been accomplished. Get those dues paid and keep yourself in good standing at all times. The union's standing in the community is only a reflection of its internal strength and the support of its members. Do not be merely card carriers, be an active paid up member and help your union and thereby help yourself.

The contract negotiations committee has been requested to meet with the employers' council on Friday, April 16. The employers' council has recently circulated a letter requesting financial assistance, to each and every owner of a hotel, restaurant, bar or grill in the peninsula area, whether the individual firms happen to be members of the employers' council or not. A San Francisco attorney has been engaged by this employers' council and they have also retained John J. Redhead, a Pacific Grove attorney, as their local counsel. The union will, of course, be represented by your secretary, your contract committee and Russell Zaches, our legal adviser. It is the firm intention of the union to strive for a fair, satisfactory agreement between the employers and the members. It is our hope that the employers' council and their legal representatives will cooperate in this desire for a fair agreement.

The membership, at the meeting of April 5, unanimously endorsed the executive board's recommendation that each member be automatically issued a \$1,000 life insurance policy. This matter will again be brought on the floor at

the April 19 meeting.

Several insurance plans have been submitted to the union. Most of them provide for a \$1,000 term life insurance policy to be issued to each and every member at a flat cost of \$1 per member per month. This is good, inexpensive insurance and comes to us at a time when we have been rather heavily assessed in order to properly pay our burial benefit to the beneficiaries of our six recently departed members.

As you know, the present death benefit plan provides for a \$300 payment from the local in addition to the \$125 or \$150 payment from the international union. If the insurance plan is adopted it will mean that each and every member will be covered for a minimum of \$1125. The \$125 coming, of course, from the international union.

Along the political front the Central Labor Councils of Monterey and Salinas have formed a joint AFL political and educational league. The purpose of this group will be to endorse candidates for public office who meet labor requirements, and to devote time, energy and money to the campaign of the candidates so endorsed. Since most of labor's troubles stem from discriminatory laws, it is obvious that labor in its fight to get a square deal must become an active working political force.

It is foolish indeed to maintain expensive lobbies in our State and National legislative halls when we know full well that the misrepresentatives of the people who hold public office were primarily interested in introducing and fostering discriminatory and restrictive pieces of legislation. We are in this fight to preserve a free democratic way of life. To insure our working people a fair opportunity to earn a living, and to prevent monopolies from growing fat and wealthy at the expense of the working public, we must stay in and wage our battle until we have attained our objective. The preservation of real democracy rests solely with the people. We must at all times vigilantly work to preserve our equitable way of life.

GEORGE S. RICE, Secretary

Mental Health

By ROY O. GILBERT, M.D.
Los Angeles County Health Officer

More than half of the hospital beds in the United States are occupied by mental patients. Authoritative studies indicate that out of every 22 living persons one will spend a part of his life in a mental hospital. These studies conclude further that one out of every ten persons is emotionally or mentally maladjusted and needs treatment for some personality disorder.

A nation-wide program of public education concerning mental illness is sorely needed. More mental hygiene clinics can help in warding off impending illness by giving prompt treatment and consultation. Institutions and personnel must be expanded and improved. In many states legal reforms are necessary, and perhaps most important of all, further investigation into the causes and treatment of mental disorders must be encouraged and supported.

The average citizen can to a great extent institute his own program of mental health for his family. Prevention starts at birth. A baby needs love, affection, a sense of security, and protection. Every child needs understanding, self-confidence, recognition, and a certain amount of freedom to do what he wants to do. It is a mistake to frighten a child or threaten him with nameless fears and horrible consequences. He should not be subjected to unfavorable comparisons with other children and his problems are entitled to careful consideration and investigation; not punishment or decision based on snap judgment. Continual family quarrels disturb and frighten a child.

More detailed information on the subject is available in Pamphlet No. 120, "Toward Mental Health," which can be obtained from Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, New York. The cost is 10 cents.

An election clerk at Los Angeles, erroneously listed John W. Evans, serving his fifth term in the California Assembly, as a Republican. Noting the error, Evans said he would just let it stand. "I'm fed up with the Democrat Party anyway," he announced.

No Security in Social Security Pay These Days!

Workers to old to earn a living will not get enough in federal old-age pensions to insure any security and self-respect.

Since the Social Security Act became effective 11 years ago, nothing has been done to increase the benefits to those originally covered under the act or to extend coverage to the millions of persons excluded from Social Security benefits.

Monthly old-age benefits actually paid to retired men and women workers up to June 30, 1947, averaged \$19.19. Ten dollars a month is the least you can be paid. Yet if you paid premiums on a salary of \$100 for four years, your benefit will be only \$10.40 a month. The maximum for individuals who retire next January 1 is \$44.80. A wife over 65 and children under 18 will get you extra benefits, but the absolute top for all is \$85.

Under present living costs, these benefits are pitifully small. The tax still stands at 1 per cent. The original plan, as written into the act, was to increase the tax to 2 ½ per cent in 1946, 1947, and 1948, and to 3 per cent in 1949, and to increase monthly benefits proportionately. But after year after year Congress has voted to defer increasing taxes and benefits. Labor has been unable to overcome the pressures of employers who do not want the tax increased.

Similarly, Congress has not acted to extend coverage to the 25,000,000 voters not covered by the act. They include farmers, farm workers, business and professional people, household workers, state and government employees, federal civilian employees, members of the armed services, citizens engaged in service outside the United States, and employees of charitable, educational and religious institutions.

On the contrary, strong efforts are being made to undermine the act. The House has just passed the Gearhart bill to cut off from the benefits of the act from 500,000 to 750,000 employees and their dependents now covered by the act. They are so-called "outside workers"—salesmen and others working on a commission basis or under contract. President Truman vetoed a similar bill last summer saying it "proceeds in a direction which is exactly opposed to the one our nation should pursue."

Evidently neither the President nor a few union spokesmen have been able to put Congress on the right track. That job must be done among the voters in each Congressional district, in each precinct. The time has come for local union leaders to organize the persons not now covered by social security into a unit that will insist that the senators and representatives for whom they will vote must pledge themselves to carry out the social security program charted 11 years ago.

Denham Powers Not Told Public

San Francisco.—Powers to General Counsel Denham of the National Labor Relations Board have been fully spelled out in a memo signed recently by four members of the NLRB, but this official document is being refused distribution to any and all interested parties. In spite of the fact that this memo fully defines the assigned powers of the general counsel, this information is being withheld from the public, by what authority it is as yet hard to determine.

Regardless of the technical phases of the question, it seems that if the NLRB and its general counsel were interested in keeping the public informed, and labor and management as well, as to how they operate, and what the authority of the counsel consists of, it should be eager to make the information available to anyone interested.

If the board and the general counsel persist in monopolizing such information to the exclusion of the public, not only is the charge that it operates as a quasi-public body valid, but a dangerous precedent is being established by any agency of the government usurping such unique powers unto itself.

Philly Plumbers Get 2-bit Raise

Philadelphia.—Local 690 of the AFL's Plumbers' Union announced negotiation of a new contract providing an increase of 2 cents in the hourly pay for journeymen plumbers here.

The agreement signed with the Air Conditioning, Heating and Plumbing Employers Association, covered the majority of the industry, according to James J. O'Neill, the union's business manager.

"We regard this early conclusion of negotiations as a good omen for the field of labor-management relations," O'Neill said. "In both of the two previous years our membership was forced to strike to obtain cost-of-living increases. 'I have every reason to believe that our contract will again set a pattern for this year in the building trades industry.'"

CARPENTER ROUNDUP

Members of Salinas Carpenters Union 925 heard Langdon Post, former Federal Housing Authority head in San Francisco, speak on the state housing initiative measure at the union's last meeting. Post explained the purpose of the state measure and urged that all union members sign the petitions to set up the State Housing Authority.

Petitions for this measure, which is winning support of organized labor throughout the state, may be signed at offices of Local 925 and at headquarters of all unions here. Members of Local 925 are urged to sign the petitions at once so that measure will qualify for the ballot, Business Agent George R. Harter said.

A new life insurance plan for members of Local 925 is being studied by a special committee, it was reported. This committee, including Harter, Augustine Russell and George Sine, will report in detail at the union's meeting Tuesday night of this week.

Joe Nordstrom and Floyd Wyatt, members of Local 925, injured recently, are reported as recovering from their injuries although still confined to their homes.

Work for carpenters in the Salinas area continues good and Business Agent Harter reports the following:

Start of the new Grayson Ships unit in the South Main street business development has called for carpenters and other union workmen. Stolte Construction Co. is contractor.

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10 GOVERNORS ARE INVITED TO TRAINING MEET

The California Legislature in a Senate concurrent resolution has invited the governors of the other ten western states to attend the Western States Conference on Training to be held at the Sonoma Mission Inn, Boyes Springs, May 10-14. The same resolution endorses the encouragement of joint labor-management cooperation in training the necessary manpower to meet the needs of western business and industry, and compliments the western governors for their cooperation in this vital project.

Western governors invited include Governor Sidney P. Osborn of Arizona, Governor Lee Knous of Colorado, Governor C. A. Robins of Idaho, Governor Sam C. Ford of Montana, Governor Vail Pittman of Nevada, Governor Thomas J. Mabry of New Mexico, Governor John H. Hall of Oregon, Governor Herbert B. Maw of Utah, Governor Mon C. Walgren of Washington, and Governor Lester Hunt of Wyoming.

Response from California and the western states indicate that approximately 1,500 representatives of labor, management, veteran, and government groups will be in attendance at the conference. First announced by Governor Earl Warren in December 1947, the Conference will study the trained manpower needs of the West's expanding economy.

Since last May, the Truman Administration spent \$40 million collected as taxes, to take potatoes off the market and thus keep prices up. An unofficial estimate said the potato-price support program is costing \$200 million this year in higher prices.

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clerk's office; Breschini's Real
Estate, 64 West Alisal street;
Brownlee's Real Estate, 19 East
Alisal street; Dayton-Johnson
company, 157 Main street; Car-
penter's Union, No. 925, 422
North Main street; Fresh Fruit
& Vegetable Workers, 28 East
Market street; Labor Temple, 117
Pajaro street; G. L. Macartney,
626 South Main street; O. F.
Shannon Insurance, 44 West Alisal
street; Taylor's Jewelry store, 139
Main street; Teamsters' Union,
Alisal and Jones streets; High
school, South Main street.

Alisal: Cecil E. Alexander, 517
East Market street; Alisal Model
Shop, 539 East Alisal street; D.
E. Alves, 1285 First Avenue;
Blades Real Estate, 1415 Del
Monte avenue; Ann Robinson, 1424
Del Monte avenue; Wood's Lum-
ber company, East Market and
Sanborn streets; Hughes Auto
court, El Camino Real south; Mrs.
Elizabeth Collins, 553 East Alisal
street; Mrs. Nadine Sharp, Stri-
vers Way; Mrs. Harriet Chappel,
108 Carr street; Mrs. Loretta Mc-
Glinchey, 145 Sycamore road.

Spreckels: Spreckels Emporium,
Castroville; Gambetta's Hard-
ware store.

Natividad: Mrs. La Velle Long,
728 San Juan road; Clifford Swan-
son, 706 Middlefield road.

Santa Rita: Massa's Grocery,
527 El Camino Real north; Craig's
Market, 436 El Camino Real north.

Prunedale: Mrs. Mildred E.
Reese, 41 Pesante road.

Seaside: Bentley & Son, Sam R.
Thornburg, Pat's Market, and
Charles W. Kolb, route 1, box 450.

Chualar: Mrs. Anna Petersen.
Gonzales: Mrs. Lon E. Lazier.

Soledad: Burkes' Drug Store; F.
O. Lindstrand, route 1, box 27;
James D. Young, P. O. box A.

Greenfield: Greenfield Phar-
macy.

King City: Branstetter's Drug
store, 304 Broadway; Pettitt
Lands, Inc., 721 Broadway; and
Mrs. Phoebe J. Sievers, 213 Sec-
ond street.

Conditions seems to be about the
same all over. A Briton complains
to his favorite newspaper that the
laundry returns the right buttons
but he can't find the shirt.

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THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTERING TO VOTE IS
APRIL 22! As printed many, many times in this column, your
only chance of establishing your right to cast a ballot at the
important elections to come is that you register at once. ARE
YOU SURE YOU HAVE REGISTERED? To make sure that
your registration has not lapsed, and that you are qualified to
vote at the primaries, check the following:

1. If you did not vote in the last
primaries or in the general elec-
tion, you must register.

2. If you have changed your
street address since your last reg-
istration, you must re-register.

3. If you have changed your
name—for example by marriage,
you must register.

All members of this union and
their friends should ascertain for
sure whether they have adhered
to all of these provisions so that
they will be qualified to cast their
ballots in the primaries.

If you are not a registered voter
—REGISTER NOW. Remember,
April 22 is the deadline.

The United AFL Political and
Educational Committee which has
been recently formed is made up
of many types of people who are
interested primarily in seeing that
the best things for the majority of
John Q. Public will actually come
to pass as a result of political
changes in the coming elections.

This Political Committee, to which
your union has sent delegates, is
very much interested in the re-
moval from office of Ernest K.
Bramblett, who supposedly repre-
sented the people in Monterey
County in the 11th Congressional
District, but who we found repre-
sented a special group, Ernest K.
Bramblett's record in Congress
shows 100 per cent bad insofar as
the working men and women of
this district are concerned. It
shows 100 per cent good votes for
special interests, amongst which is
the Associated Farmers of Califor-
nia.

Let's take also the case of our
state senator from this district who
represents Monterey and San Be-
nito counties—Fred Weybret. His
record as state senator from this
district shows a 100 per cent bad
vote. His record will appear very
shortly, showing the various legis-
lative bills which he took part in,
indicating a bad vote in every in-
stance where the working men and
women in this district were con-
cerned. His campaign is being
presently financed by the Associ-
ated Farmers of California. The
people of Monterey and San Benito
counties are not satisfied with this
type of representation. Remember,
this man's record is 100 per cent
bad. It was also bad when he re-
presented the same people in the
Assembly. The present assembly-
man from this district, Jim Silli-
man, also has a bad record. His
bad record outweighs his good re-
cord. The working men and women
who make up the great majority
of the citizens in this district are
well informed that they are not
receiving the proper representa-
tion.

REGISTER TO VOTE NOW!!

This will advise all our members
that Albert A. Harris, president of
our union, has filed to serve as Union
High School trustee. The elec-
tion will be held May 21. It will be
a district election. It is most im-
portant that responsible people be
voted in for such an important of-
fice. Brother Harris in this case is
most desirable—his background,
coupled with the fact that his con-
tact with thousands of people in
this district who have made known
to him their problems, makes him
most valuable for this important
position as Union High School trustee.
Remember May 21.

Important All Produce Drivers:
Your union has a proposal which
has been offered by the produce
industry and which will be brought
to your attention at a meeting to
be called very shortly. At this
writing that meeting is being ar-
ranged. You will be served with a
notice regarding time and place.
In the meanwhile, we ask all pro-
duce drivers to come to the office
of the union and clear as you ar-
rive from southern California. We
ask all produce drivers to register
to vote prior to April 22, that be-
ing the deadline. Remember to
remain in good standing. If you
are transferring in from Local 898,
please bring your book in at once
so that the transfer can be com-
pleted without delay.

Attention All Beverage Drivers:
At this writing, contracts are be-
ing signed for the beverage indus-
try for all companies in Monterey
and Salinas, excepting Coca Cola
in Monterey. We expect to bring
this company into line very short-
ly. Copies of the agreement will
be printed in small booklet form
so that you can carry one with
you. You will be notified as soon
as these booklets are released by
the printer.

Attention All Milk Wagon Drivers:
Copies of your milk agree-
ment have been printed in booklet
form. You may call at the office
of the union for a copy. Familiar-
ize yourselves with your agree-
ment.

Check immediately all men on
your job as to their status with the
union. If anyone does not carry a
book, or have proof of this mem-
bership, notify the office of the
union at once.

If you have not registered, do it
now as it will be too late after
April 22.

Register for employment at the
union office. Many jobs are coming
in and your union is assigning men,
depending on their qualifications,
to many of these jobs—some of
which require special ability.

You can register for employment
at the office of the union in either
Monterey or Salinas, depending on
the area in which you live.

Patronize union services.
Remember that Monterey County
Liquor Distributors, 322 Monte-
rey Street, is being picketed by our
union.

VETERANS NEWS

Claims sections in the Veterans
Administration Branch 12 area
(California, Arizona, Nevada and
Hawaii) have adjudicated the dis-
ability claims of more than 217,000
veterans during the past two
years.

Veterans who file claims with
VA for disability compensation or
pension can help speed up service
by observing seven simple rules.
They are:

1. Remember to submit com-
plete evidence concerning your
physical condition, and the cause
of such condition.

2. Spell your name clearly, the
same way it appears on your service
records.

3. When you are informed of your
"C" number, use it in all
correspondence with VA.

4. Include your correct address in
all correspondence.

5. Avoid all unnecessary corre-
spondence.

6. If you find it necessary to
write, address your letters to the
VA regional office. In the Branch
12 area VA regional offices are
located at San Francisco, Los
Angeles, San Diego, Reno, Phoenix
and Honolulu.

7. When requested to report for
physical examination, or submit
additional evidence, do so prompt-
ly. If you cannot, let VA know
as soon as possible.

Question: Does the age of World
I and World War II veterans af-
fect the amount of compensation
or pension paid to them?

Answer: Compensation for a
service-connected disability is not
affected, but pension for non-
service-connected permanent, total
disability is increased upon reach-
ing age 65.

Question: I am considered total-
ly disabled for insurance purposes,
but receive only 20 per cent for
compensation. Can my award be
increased?

Answer: Your compensation will
be increased only if the service-
connected disability is shown to
have increased in severity. For
insurance purposes, there may be
other disabilities, not service-
connected, which, combined with
the compensation condition, pro-
duce total disability. Facts and
material for determining the ex-
istence of permanent and total
disability are different in insur-
ance and compensation matters.

Australia Bans
Strike Speeches

Sidney, Australia.—The Premier
of the state of Queensland, whose
efforts to break a state-wide rail-
way strike was climaxed by an
emergency order outlawing picket-
ing, censoring labor's story from
the press and radio, and banning
strike speeches as "indictment,"
has swung the state parliament to
incorporate the repressive mea-
sures into permanent law.

The new law not only bars pick-
eting and strike speeches but per-
mits arrest of strikers using the
word "scab" against strike-
breakers. Police are empowered
to bust up union meetings and
even to enter workers' homes
without warrant.

The railway strike started Jan.
27, after a federal arbitration
court awarded wage increases to
all railway workers and the
Queensland administration refused
to observe the ruling. The state
government immediately passed a
law requiring secret ballots be-
fore strikes and declared the rail-
way walkout illegal.

WORKERS' REAL INCOME IN STEADY DECLINE SINCE '44

Washington, D. C. — The average American worker has
lost ground steadily since 1944 in the fight against rapidly
mounting prices and the soaring cost of living.

This fact was pointed out graphically in the February issue
of "Labor's Monthly Survey," an official AFL publication.

Looking ahead, the survey sees
no immediate relief in sight for
hard-pressed families striving to
keep their heads above water on
current average wages.

Tracing the history of economic
developments in the postwar pe-
riod, the survey declares:

"There has been a striking gain
in money income. Even in 1946,
when hours were cut back and
workers shifted from war plants
to lower paid jobs, wage increases
were enough to advance average
income by almost \$2 a week. From
1946 to 1947 the advance was much
greater, amounting to \$5 a week,
or 11.5 per cent."

With this rapid gain in income
it might be expected that the av-
erage worker is much better off now
than he was in 1944. However, as
the survey points out, "these en-
tire gains have been more than
wiped out by price rises."

"The average worker's yearly in-
come actually buys less today than
it did in 1944 and 1945; and even
the exceptional increase in money
income in 1947 was not enough to
give the worker the buying power
or 'real income' he had in 1946,"
the survey declares.

Backing up its statements, the
publication presents a series of
charts and figures. These show
that money income rose from an
average of \$2,180 a year in 1944
to \$2,587 in 1947. On the other
hand, real income, which is the
significant thing for the workers
involved, dwindled from \$2,180 in
1944 to \$2,039 in 1947.

It all adds up to the fact that
the average worker, with increased
money income resulting from his
efforts to help build up the nation's
production to record levels, cannot
live as well on that increased in-
come as he did back in 1944 when
his wages were considerably lower.

Another aspect of the housing
situation in California is that this
year the temporary wartime hous-
ing projects located all over the

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HOUSING PLAN PETITIONS NOW! IN CIRCULATION

Petitions for California's pro-
posed Housing Initiative are now
in circulation.

Most trade unionists are familiar
with the program, one to make
available to citizens of low to mod-
erate incomes, adequate low-cost
housing.

The program, as proposed by the
Housing Initiative Petition com-
mittee, calls for the construction of
individual housing units. Federal
aid, according to present plans, will
supplement the resources of com-
munities where the units are to be
constructed.

Most building tradesmen are
aware that the employment slump
of the last few weeks is not en-
tirely owing to the wet weather.
There are strong indications that
prospective home buyers are shy-
ing away from the exorbitant
prices asked for houses on the cur-
rent market.

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situation in California is that this
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ing projects located all over the

On Same Job After 60 Years

In this centenary year 1948 it
is not surprising that many trade
unionists are thinking about the
past, both their own and that of
the labor movement to which they
belong.

This week, Business Representa-
tive Watson Garoni of Linoleum
Workers 1235 said that members
of the local are especially proud
of one member, Brother J. W.
Baker, who is not only a charter
member of the San Francisco local,
but who has been employed at W.
N. J. Sloan's "for sixty years."

Brother Baker, who is 76 this
year, went to work for the firm
in 1888 at the age of 16 and was
one of the first to join the local
when it was chartered in 1900.

Retired, you think? He is not!
At 76 he is still on the job.

Organized Labor thinks that
Brother Baker has probably estab-
lished a record but will welcome
an account of any contenders.

state will, unless a temporary stay
of execution is granted, begin to
be dismantled.

The Housing Initiative has wide
support from more than 30 civic
and labor organizations.

Why Power Curtailment Was Suspended

Abnormally heavy late season rains, new P. G. and E.
power, and more power from other sources
combine to end shortage

Heavy rains and snows during the last month raised P. G. and E.
reservoirs and increased the snow pack in the mountains enough
to permit the suspension of curtailment, at least temporarily.

Here is what brought about the change:

1. January weather in Springtime... which replenished res-
ervoirs, increased the snowpack and cut the need for unseasonable
farm pumping.
2. New P. G. & E. power plants... like the 101,000 horse-
power Kern Steam Plant near Bakersfield which is expected to be
in operation this month, and others coming on the lines soon.
3. Additional power from other sources. We are tapping
every feasible source of power. For example, increases in deliveries
from Southern California and Shasta Dam.
4. Daylight time and voluntary savings by our customers.
These also helped, and it is important now that they continue.
5. Water saved during curtailment. We were able to hold
precious water in our reservoirs because of the power cut.

Another appraisal of water and power supplies will be made by June 1.

Meanwhile, We're Working Night and Day on New Generating Plants

Everything possible is being done to rush P. G. and E.'s long-term power
building program initiated in 1945. This huge construction program will add
nearly 2,000,000 horsepower to our generating capacity in the next 3½ years.
Here are some of our major projects which will come on the lines soon:

Kern Steam Plant, near Bakersfield, will gen-
erate 285,000 horsepower. The first 101,000-horse-
power Kern unit is expected to go on the line in
the next few days.

Electra and West Point Powerhouses on
the Mokelumne River, will generate 154,000 horse-
power. Electra's 133,000-horsepower will be on the
line this summer.

Another Steam Electric Unit... An ad-
ditional 150,000 horsepower steam unit at a location
as yet undetermined will be completed in 1950.

Station "P" Steam Plant, San Francisco, will
produce 300,000 additional horsepower. It will go
on the line this winter.

Rock Creek and Cresta Powerhouses, on
the North Fork of the Feather River, will generate
270,000 horsepower. These plants are scheduled for
completion in 1949 and 1950.

THANKS FOR YOUR HELP DURING THE EMERGENCY.
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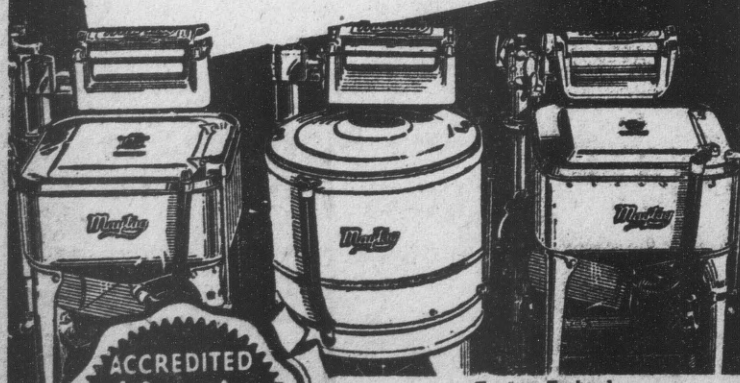
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